

Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association

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Covid-19 has not kept us down. The Association has been able to continue its programs to support our fire department. Business is brisk at our bottle return depot located at the fire hall. To date this year the depot have raised over \$4,500—that's a lot of sorting—and we thank our bottle sorters and depot run transporters. Rain, snow, blistering heat, wasp season, during holidays, 365 days a year, our sorters are out there. Thank you to everyone in the community for your support and good "spirits."

We also had a record Spring Chipping Weekend. Thank you again to our wonderful community for supporting our efforts to decrease fire load on the Point. A record 89 households left branches for our twenty-one volunteers who spent over 244 hours gathering, chipping and delivering chips throughout the neighbourhood. Our crew is amazing.

We also have received many generous donations throughout the year from community members who appreciate our programs, as well as, from Fanny Bay Inn, Lion's Club, CVRD Grant-in-Aid and Big Green Storage.

Our next Chipping Weekend will be in the spring 2021 if Covid-19 allows us to do so. So hopefully we'll be seeing you at the Roadside soon.